

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the Office Action mailed on September 4, 2003 requiring an election of invention, for which one month was allotted for reply.

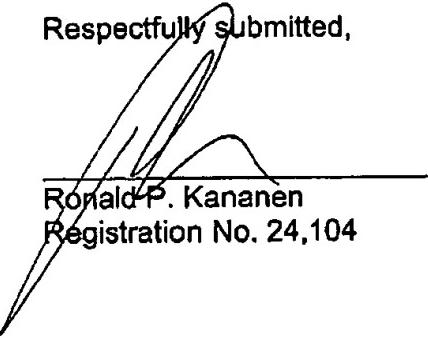
In response, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys respectfully provisionally elects with traverse the invention of Group 1 containing Claims 1-3 drawn to an apparatus with a plurality of pressure detectors, classified in class 425, subclass 149. It is noted that claims 4 and 5 are linking claims as stated by the Examiner.

Please hold the remaining non-elected claims in abeyance pending a later decision to file divisional application as of right, or to make their subject matter where feasible dependent on the elected claims.

This requirement is respectfully traversed, solely to preserve the Applicant's rights to provide linking claims and/or combination claims commensurate with the elected claims.

An early examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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